

## Supplementary information

### Improving *in vitro* bioaccessibility and bioactivity of carnosic acid using lecithin-based nanoemulsion system

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**SI-Table 1.** The droplet size and polydispersity index (PDI) of carnosic acid nanoemulsion under different pH conditions

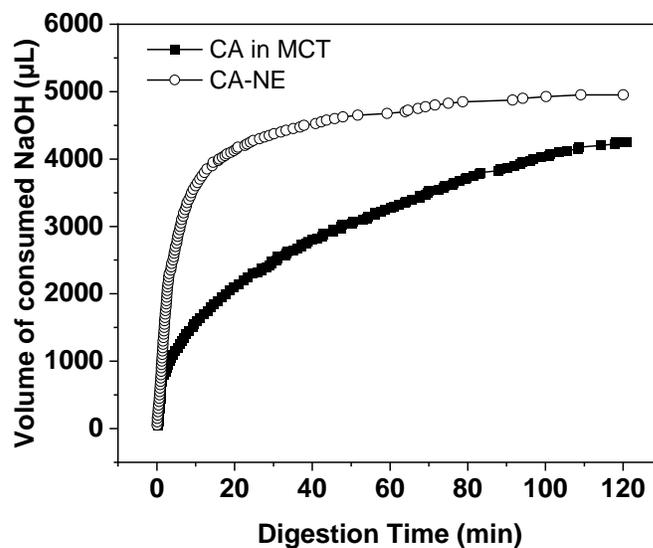
Storage Time (Days)	Droplet size (nm) and PDI under different pH					
	4	6.2	7.4	8	10	
1	Size	173.8±1.00 <sup>ca</sup>	177.5±1.69 <sup>bcA</sup>	183.4±1.06 <sup>aA</sup>	178.8±1.34 <sup>ba</sup>	181.2±0.74 <sup>abA</sup>
	PDI	0.205±0.012 <sup>aA</sup>	0.211±0.018 <sup>aA</sup>	0.192±0.018 <sup>aA</sup>	0.205±0.014 <sup>aA</sup>	0.186±0.009 <sup>aA</sup>
2	Size	172.0±0.46 <sup>ba</sup>	167.2±1.00 <sup>cC</sup>	181.5±1.15 <sup>aA</sup>	171.3±0.92 <sup>bcB</sup>	168.4±0.95 <sup>cC</sup>
	PDI	0.205±0.021 <sup>aA</sup>	0.202±0.020 <sup>aA</sup>	0.197±0.021 <sup>aA</sup>	0.200±0.023 <sup>aA</sup>	0.188±0.015 <sup>aA</sup>
3	Size	173.8±1.50 <sup>bcA</sup>	172.4±1.47 <sup>cb</sup>	179.4±1.01 <sup>aA</sup>	175.4±2.07 <sup>abAB</sup>	177.5±1.35 <sup>abB</sup>
	PDI	0.215±0.016 <sup>aA</sup>	0.204±0.014 <sup>aA</sup>	0.175±0.018 <sup>aA</sup>	0.186±0.019 <sup>aA</sup>	0.196±0.022 <sup>aA</sup>
5	Size	170.9±1.27 <sup>bb</sup>	171.5±0.90 <sup>bb</sup>	180.5±0.71 <sup>aA</sup>	173.3±1.02 <sup>bb</sup>	180.6±0.86 <sup>aAB</sup>
	PDI	0.234±0.024 <sup>aA</sup>	0.231±0.015 <sup>aA</sup>	0.181±0.010 <sup>aA</sup>	0.211±0.031 <sup>aA</sup>	0.201±0.018 <sup>aA</sup>
7	Size	172.1±1.84 <sup>bb</sup>	172.2±0.41 <sup>bb</sup>	180.1±2.05 <sup>aA</sup>	174.7±1.59 <sup>baB</sup>	179.9±0.77 <sup>aAB</sup>
	PDI	0.221±0.022 <sup>aA</sup>	0.221±0.016 <sup>aA</sup>	0.179±0.021 <sup>aA</sup>	0.187±0.009 <sup>aA</sup>	0.200±0.021 <sup>aA</sup>

Values are means ± SD (n = 3). Different superscript of small letter indicates a significant difference for the same row for the same property ( $p < 0.05$ ), different superscript of capital letter indicates a significant difference for the same column for the same property ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**SI-Table 2.** The droplet size and polydispersity index (PDI) of carnosic acid nanoemulsion under different ionic strength

Storage Time (Days)		Droplet size (nm) and PDI under different ionic strength (mM)			
		0	5	10	50
1	Size	173.0±1.63 <sup>bB</sup>	165.6±1.34 <sup>bB</sup>	165.5±1.26 <sup>bC</sup>	233.2±12.02 <sup>aD</sup>
	PDI	0.204±0.024 <sup>aA</sup>	0.213±0.016 <sup>aA</sup>	0.191±0.016 <sup>aA</sup>	0.241±0.031 <sup>aA</sup>
2	Size	177.1±1.23 <sup>bAB</sup>	174.5±1.60 <sup>bcA</sup>	170.8±1.64 <sup>cb</sup>	284.6±2.74 <sup>aC</sup>
	PDI	0.211±0.015 <sup>bA</sup>	0.224±0.015 <sup>abA</sup>	0.223±0.019 <sup>abA</sup>	0.278±0.023 <sup>aA</sup>
3	Size	182.9±2.16 <sup>bA</sup>	175.7±2.73 <sup>bA</sup>	174.9±2.30 <sup>bAB</sup>	322.0±16.57 <sup>aBC</sup>
	PDI	0.200±0.025 <sup>aA</sup>	0.213±0.020 <sup>aA</sup>	0.207±0.018 <sup>aA</sup>	0.282±0.055 <sup>aA</sup>
5	Size	176.9±1.74 <sup>bAB</sup>	173.9±0.90 <sup>bA</sup>	176.6±1.31 <sup>bA</sup>	361.4±18.09 <sup>aB</sup>
	PDI	0.186±0.014 <sup>bA</sup>	0.211±0.021 <sup>bA</sup>	0.191±0.013 <sup>bA</sup>	0.311±0.041 <sup>bA</sup>
7	Size	174.7±2.56 <sup>bB</sup>	175.8±0.95 <sup>bA</sup>	172.6±1.23 <sup>bAB</sup>	452.4±5.60 <sup>aA</sup>
	PDI	0.211±0.017 <sup>aA</sup>	0.212±0.025 <sup>aA</sup>	0.209±0.019 <sup>aA</sup>	0.287±0.029 <sup>bA</sup>

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**SI-Figure 1.** Comparison of in vitro lipolysis of CA in MCT oil and CA-NE. The volume of NaOH consumed during the in vitro lipolysis as a function of time.

**SI-Table 3.** Dose-CAA value and the EC<sub>50</sub> value of carnosic acid (CA) and carnosic acid nanoemulsion (CA-NE) (n=3)

	Conc.(uM)	Carnosic acid			CA-NE		
		Repeat 1	Repeat 2	Repeat 3	Repeat 1	Repeat 2	Repeat 3
<b>CAA value</b>	<b>20</b>	55.0±5.4	62.9±1.1	63.5±4.0	43.8±6.9	51.1±0.6	43.8±2.9
	<b>10</b>	45.7±6.9	38.8±2.1	40.7±2.9	27.1±4.3	30.1±1.7	25.6±3.0
	<b>5</b>	38.1±3.7	28.3±0.7	20.1±3.5	22.6±3.5	21.5±3	23.6±1.7
	<b>1</b>	26.5±6.7	5.2±3.8	6.7±4.1	5.8±0.9	9.1±1.9	5.2±0.8
<b>EC<sub>50</sub> (μM)</b>		14.12	13.02	14.00	27.54	24.32	26.92
<b>Average</b>							
<b>EC<sub>50</sub> (μM)</b>			13.71±0.60			26.26±1.71	